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Joshlynn Ruff, Isabel Scott, and Sophie Graham smile for a photo before the Grade 8 graduation ceremony at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on June 26. For more photos, see pages 4 and 5. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Health services AGM came up short, say community groups

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Concerned citizen groups believe the Haliburton Highlands Health Services annual general meeting was a missed opportunity to engage the public.

The health services met in a virtual AGM on June 22. The organization will host its first open house for one hour starting 3:30 p.m. on June 29 in Room 1 at the Minden Community Centre.

Audited financial statements showed HHHS has assets and liabilities totalling about \$24.9 million as of March 31. That's

lower than the \$30.4 million that was on the books the previous year.

Revenue totalled \$35.04 million to March 31, compared to \$35.8 million in 2022. Expenses were \$39.4 million for the year ended March 31. In 2022, expenses totalled \$35.75 million. That's a shortfall of about \$4.2 million.

Darlene Moore, the vice-president of support services and the HHHS chief financial officer, said the organization has \$3.3 million in debt at March 31.

Some community members who took in the meeting were left wanting by the performances of Veronica Nelson, the HHHS

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AH adopts a means to compel required septic work

by **JAMES MATTHEWS**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Algonquin Highlands bylaw enforcement staff are working to have residents undertake remedial action deemed necessary by the septic re-inspection program.

Greg Moore, the township's chief bylaw officer, told council when it met June 15 that officers have had a lot of compliance from the general public.

“We’ve identified close to 1,600 properties that needed some sort of remedial action,” he said. “It could just simply be a screen on an outhouse to impede flow on a septic tank.”

They've had about 70 per cent compliance of people with septic systems that were found through inspections to have needed work.

"So that's been a great number, but we still have about 475 properties outstanding," he said.

Most of those properties have already been sent follow-up letters from the municipality.

“So there’s still a chance for voluntary compliance,” Moore said.

However, staff have outlined some properties they feel could be of intermediate to major concern that may require some “compelling” to get owners to complete required work on their septic systems.

Moore said the property owners that may need encouragement number about 165, or 30 per cent of those that have yet to do remedial action.

Staff forwarded three options to council.

The first option for staff to undertake the remedial work to be completed at the required cost.

The second possible avenue calls for staff to undertake the remedial work at the direction of council following a staff report for each order.

Option No. 3, which is recommended by staff, is that council provides authorization for staff undertake the remedial work at an upset cost of \$10,000 per infraction without the requirement for a council report, but in consultation with the township's CAO.

Moore said the \$10,000 would enable workers to do the majority of the required work at properties.

"If there's any out there that may exceed that (\$10,000), then of course that will come back as a separate report," he said. "Anything less than that, I'm hoping that in consultation with the CAO we will be able to fix up the problems and then just move on."

Moore said the work would be contracted out as he doesn't envision public employees going onto private properties to do work.

“Sounds like a reasonable approach,” Mayor Liz Danielsen said of the third option.

HHHS not true to their 'values'

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acting president and CEO, and David O'Brien, the board of directors' chairperson, during the brief question-and-answer session at the end of the meeting.

“Once again, HHHS has chosen to silence the community and evade their responsibility to the people of Minden,” said Patrick Porzuczek of the group Minden Matters.

“The lack of transparency and meaningful community involvement demonstrated during the meeting continues to raise serious questions about the board’s commitment to serving the best interests of the entire community it claims to represent.”

Jeff Nicholls is a member of the group of concerned citizens behind the website mindenpaper.com. He, too, thought the AGM was lacking.

The meeting was a missed opportunity to discuss the CEO and board performance over the past year, Nicholls said.

Nicholls said an AGM is a chance for an organization to consider the year ahead by looking at its performance of the previous year and what could have been done better. That diagnostic retrospective should inform the performance of the decision-makers over the following year.

Both Minden Matters and the crowd that runs the Minden Paper online entity were formed in response to the June 1 closure of the emergency department in the township.

Porzuczek lamented the fact that the meeting was held virtually with chat turned off hampered viewers from the community giving constructive feedback.

“No attendees were allowed to speak,” he said. “The meeting fell short of providing any meaningful opportunities for open dialogue, constructive feedback, or transparent decision-making.”

A perceived lack of communication during the process that led to the ER closure has been grieved by local township mayors and elected officials at the county level since the announcement was made mere weeks before June 1.

During the AGM, Nelson, who took over the helm from Carolyn Plummer just weeks ago, cited unfamiliarity with issues during the questions and answer session.

“We cannot make progress on the issues that face the community if at every turn we are blocked from the process,” Porzuczek said. “The board’s continued failure to address the impact of the Minden ER closure and address this crucial aspect undermines the trust and confidence of the very community it is obligated to serve.”

HHHS spoke about its vision and values during the meeting, which they highlighted as compassion, accountability, integrity, and respect. All those values would've been better served with more transparency and better communication, better governance, said Nicholls.

Porzuczek said the health board failed all those values.

“The minimal community involvement allowed at the meeting only further compounds the issue,” he said. “The community members who rely on the hospital’s services have valuable insights and perspectives that should be considered when making decisions that impact their health care.”

While it is good that HHHS is attempting to reach out to the community, Nicholls said having an open house in the middle of a work day afternoon will exclude some people.



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Property owners ask to put Ornge landing pad in Dysart

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A group of Haliburton Lake property owners say there is a need for an air ambulance helipad.

And they've again lobbied Dysart township council to allow them to put one on a piece of the old roadside pit on Haliburton Lake Road that has been turned into a waste material dumping ground.

Dysart council agreed to have staff report back on the feasibility of the emergency helicopter landing site.

Dave Freeman, the past-president of the Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association and the group's special projects roads liaison, said the group would leave the currently travelled portion of the pit as it is, allowing access to the small pit.

Freeman outlined the association's reasons for the air ambulance helipad in a letter to council and he attended its June 13 meeting.

He made the same proposal in 2015 to use municipally-owned land at 5177 Haliburton Lake Road for an Ornge heli-ambulance landing site.

He said there's a gravel pit owned by Dysart in Fort Irwin that's currently being used as a dump site for materials by the municipality.

The closure of the Minden Hills emergency department could put a strain on the resources of the Haliburton County Paramedic Services, he said.

"The timing for an ambulance to get from Haliburton or, worse case scenario, Minden or Tory Hill is pretty astronomical," Freeman said. "When you consider the new development on the far side of Percy and Haliburton lakes, you're looking at well over an hour to get to the further reaches."

Fort Irwin is about 20 minutes from Haliburton and is a hub to Haliburton Lake, Ross Lake, Oblong Lake, North Lake and Percy Lake. It covers a large portion of Harburn Township, accessible only from the south and west by County Roads 14 and 19, but cut off to the north and east by Haliburton Forest and Algonquin Provincial Park.

Haliburton Lake has about 570 vacation and residential properties. Percy Lake has about 250 vacation properties and currently takes about 40 minutes additional travel time from Fort Irwin to reach the new cottage lots in the Grief Development.

Harburn Township hosts many different elements of activity that increases the possibility of serious injury occurring or worse. Two of the major provincial snowmobile trails lead into Haliburton County from the east, one at the top of Haliburton Lake and another on Peterson Colonization Road.

North Lake is the beginning of the Pearson International Airport holding pattern for all in-bound European flights to wait out any issues in Toronto.

There are hunting camps, tourism operations, summer camps for children in the area. "Access beyond the township roads from this area can only be done with off-road vehicles, delaying timely attendance of the emergency services which could be reduced if an air ambulance could be waiting at a central location once the extraction commences," Freeman wrote in a letter to council.

In recent history there have been instances that poignantly illustrate the need for air ambulance access. One was a highway motor vehicle mishaps and another was somebody suffering a heart attack. Freeman said the Ornge helicopter couldn't land.

"That was based on the fire department running all over the Haliburton Lake environs, trying to find somewhere open enough for the helicopter to land," he said. "And it

was to no avail.

"There's nowhere out there right now for the helicopter to land."

Freeman said both the Haliburton County Paramedic Services and Ornge are on board with the plan, if it's approved by the municipality. Basically, all the association needs from the town is minimal funding to help pay for grass cutting and snowclearing at the site.

Dysart mayor Murray Fearrey asked if there was a lot of remedial work to do at the site.

Freeman said there's about 100 loads of ditching material that's been dumped in the pit. The plan was to level that dumped material for use as the landing pad base and to bring it above the lake's water level.

"It's a common-sense idea, I think,"

Fearrey said.

Rob Camelon, Dysart's public works director, said there's still come life left in the pit.

"But the area that is still active, I'll say, is covered in trees," Camelon said. "The front end, more or less, is exhausted but it's still an active pit."

Camelon said he's reached out to the provincial government for its input.

"They will have an interest in this as well," he said. "Although they may not have jurisdiction on it, they're going to have some say as to where it goes as far as the rehabilitation goes."

"But I don't think there's anything that's really going to hold this up, initially anyway."



Women giving back

100 Women Who Care Haliburton County chose Volunteer Dental Outreach to donate \$5,800 to from their latest meeting and presented the cheque on Thursday, June 22. From left, Leslie Cusato and Kathy Purc from VDO received the donation from 100 Women Who Care members Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, Tina Palmer, and Pat Bradley. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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To keep informed on current fire restrictions please visit our website at <https://www.mindenhills.ca/en/living-here/fire-and-emergency-services>, and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry website at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/outdoor-fire-restrictions> or contact Fire Chief, Shain Duda at 705-286-1202 ext. 1 or sduda@mindenhills.ca.

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Minden Hills Council & Staff wish everyone a Safe and Happy Canada Day. Administration Offices and services will be CLOSED on July 3rd.



VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

June 29 – Regular Council Meeting
July 27 – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one (1) meeting a month in July.

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in person or joining a live-stream link available on the township CivicWeb Portal at [mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx](https://www.mindenhills.ca/civicweb/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting; please download by visiting our CivicWeb Portal at [mindenhills.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx](https://www.mindenhills.ca/civicweb/Portal/MeetingTypeList.aspx).

Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

CANADA DAY LONG WEEKEND

Regular hours of operation are in effect for Canada Day (July 1st) and the remainder of the long weekend, at all four waste disposal sites. For a complete list of hours, please visit [mindenhills.ca/landfill](https://www.mindenhills.ca/landfill).

CULTURAL CENTRE EVENTS

The Township of Minden Hills presents the annual Canada Day celebration! Check out events taking place all day downtown and at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Don't miss the fireworks by Supernova at the Fairgrounds! Find a full schedule and detailed information online at <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-07-01-0800-Canada-Day-Event>. Call 705-286-3763 x 542, or email skelly@mindenhills.ca for more information.

Cross Cut, an exhibit by Rob Niezen, is on display at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery until July 1. The exhibit features 24 linocuts illustrating traditional Ontario folk songs reimagined in a contemporary context. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation. For more information please look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-05-04-1000-Cross-Cut-Exhibit-by-Rob-Niezen>.

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place will be on display from July 6 to September 2 at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. This personal family exhibit features original paintings and limited-edition prints by renowned artist and naturalist Robert Bateman; Alan, Brad, Jack & Ross Bateman, and photographs by Birgit Freybe Bateman. The opening reception will take place on Saturday July 8 from 1-4 pm. Pre-registration is required for the artist talk at 1:30 pm. For more information, please call 705-286-3763, email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca or look at the events calendar <https://calendar.mindenhills.ca/default/Detail/2023-07-06-1000-Bateman-Family-A-Sense-of-Place>.

The Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place is now open for the season Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Join us daily for self-guided village tours and hands-on activities including Paper Plate Birds on June 29 from 11 am – 12 pm and 2-3 pm, and Canada Day fun on July 1 including a performance by Rob Power, Master Magician from 11 am – 12 pm, Air Bounce Inflatables and Games from 10 am – 2 pm and FREE ice cream sponsored by Kawartha Dairy at 12 pm (white supplies last). Admission is by donation. For more information, please call 705-286-3763 or email culturalcentre@mindenhills.ca.



Con-GRAD-ulations!

Forty-five students graduated ASES on June 26. Their principal, Mike Gervais told them during the ceremony to never give up in the future. "Sometimes you will fall, but always get up," he said. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

See our special “Graduation Edition” of the *Minden Times* on July 12

Township of Minden Hills Canada Day 2023!



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7:30 am: Kid's Fishing Derby registration open on Water St.
8:00 am: Minnow Races sponsored by Minden Legion
8:00 am: Kid's Fishing Derby begins on Water St.
10:00 am-2:00 pm: Vendor and Exhibitors open
10:15 am: Opening Ceremonies. Royal Canadian Legion
Colour Party Parade, Mayor's opening remarks at Main stage
11:00 am: Kid's Fishing Derby final weigh-in on Water St.
11:00 am: St. Paul's Anglican Church Fashion Show
1:00-2:00 pm: **NEW!** Rob Power Master Magician
strolling performance
1:30 pm: Rubber Ducky Race begins. Hosted by the
Minden Lions Club at the Town Dock on Water St.

CULTURAL CENTRE

10:00 am-4:00 pm: Museum, Village, Nature's Place
and Gallery open for tours and hands-on activities
10:00 am- 2:00 pm: Air Bounce Inflatables and games
11:00 am-12:00 pm: **NEW!** Rob Power Master Magician show
12:00-1:00 pm: **FREE** ice cream sponsored by Kawartha Dairy,
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The full lineup of award winners from the Grade 8 graduation on June 26. For the full list of graduates, please see our special "Graduation Edition" of the *Minden Times* on July 12.



Time to celebrate

Elyse Boisvert was this year's ASES Valedictorian. In her speech, she shared how her grandparents and her mother had all attended ASES, and she felt honoured to stand up and represent her class. "We will always remember the lessons and memories we shared," she said. Pictured are Elyse with her proud parents after her speech, Tanya and Mike Boisvert. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Emma Bull poses for photos with friends and family after her graduation ceremony on June 26.



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The primary narrative

IDIDN'T ALWAYS feel cantankerous around Canada Day. Growing up, it was an opportunity to don your best white and red; a chance to watch fireworks and stay up late to drink syrupy slushies.

As I grew up, my perspective began to shift. Celebrating is okay, but overlooking the actual brutal history of our country is something entirely different.

The final icing on the canuck cake for me was the Canada 150 celebration, during which Ontario alone spent over seven million dollars on promoting and marketing.

I don't need to explain to anyone that Canada is significantly older than 150 years, right? And what we were actually celebrating - in our seven million dollars of gusto and glory - was an anniversary of genocide, colonization, and whitewashing, right?

This week I wrote a story on National Indigenous History Month. I sat down and spoke to a man who - just in his retirement - has discovered his true heritage; his Indigenous culture, traditions, and practices. And he is embracing it with pride.

But for so long, his family stayed coveted about their own history, washed over the truth, hid it from family members in shame. For so long, for those 156 years now, it hasn't been the primary narrative.

The primary narrative is a concept I stumble across frequently in the news. I spend a lot of time reading other news sources; whether that be locally, internationally, or anything in between. Trying to always understand more, to ask questions, to think outside the box - because that is what adds colour to your context.

Like so many around the world, this past week my eyes found

news articles on the missing Titan submersible; a small underwater vessel on an adventure to explore the Titanic shipwreck. Onboard were five men. Each ticket to the ride was \$250,000.

The vessel went missing, and made international headlines. Coast guards from around the world offered their services to find the five missing men; sifting through thousands of ocean kilometres in a race against time.

Within a few days, it was announced that the submersible had likely imploded within two hours of departure. Unfortunately, all members aboard are presumed deceased.

While this is a tragedy that has captured hearts and minds around the world, it should be noted that while

this was happening, a refugee boat carrying over 750 people capsized, and over 500 of those bodies are still missing. According to articles online, it is believed that even before the wreck, six people had died due to lack of water and poor conditions onboard. There is not a

single surviving woman or child from the ship.

But this story was never trending.

It was never the primary narrative.

So often, the primary narrative has a spotlight that favours those who carry the subjective advantages. People of privilege. People with money. People with more.

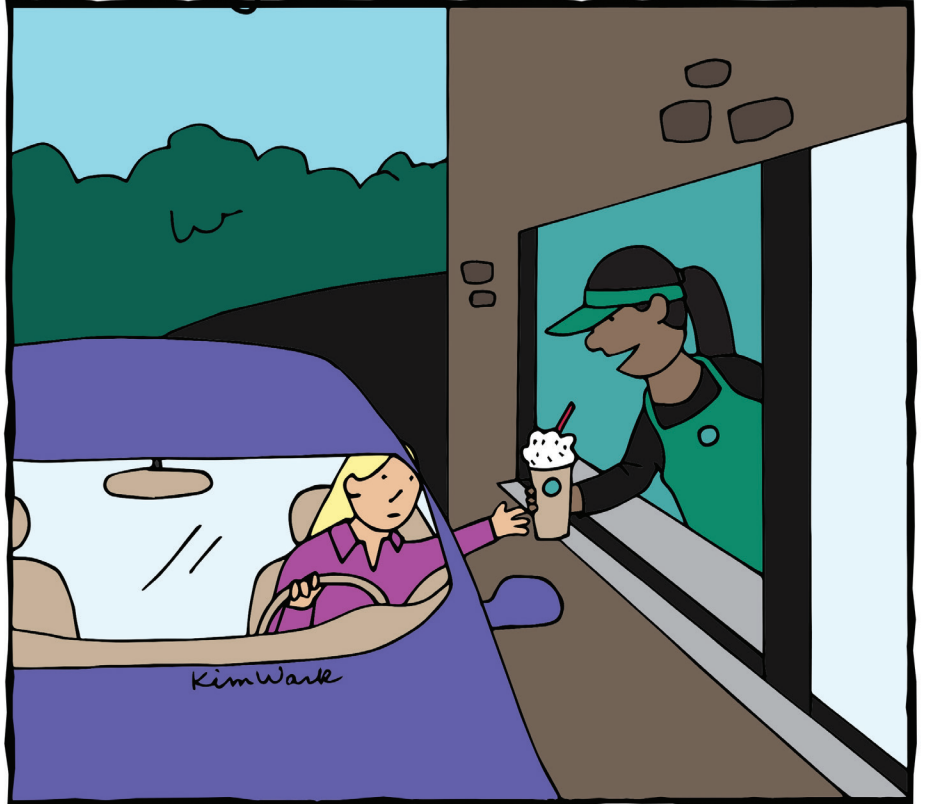
As we see the red and white scattered through the windows and the flags raised with pride, it's important to remember that narrative. It's important to ask questions. It's important to colour outside the lines.

Because there is absolutely nothing wrong with celebrating, but there are so many stories that soak our home on Native land, and if those are forgotten, if those are erased, then really, what stories will we have left?



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Kwarky



"Would you like guilt with that? It's 800 calories, non-recyclable, and the straw kills seabirds."

I can stand, canoe?

ITHINK MORE older anglers would get into canoes, if they believed they had a dignified way to get out of them too.

In fact, if I were an inventor, I would try to design a canoe seat for older anglers. Nothing too complicated - maybe just a rocket-powered ejection seat with a parachute. You know, something to give a person that initial lift-off from the canoe seat when you get close to shore.

That idea occurred to me after a friend and I fished for over eight hours from a canoe on Sunday.

If you have never seen two middle-aged anglers try to disembark from a canoe after sitting on their feet all day, all you need to do is imagine two walruses trying to wriggle up onto a moss-covered dock.

Of course, I'm exaggerating - it's not nearly that elegant.

The problem isn't flexibility, strength, or balance. It's blood flow.

After you've been sitting on your feet in a canoe for a few hours, you basically have so little blood in your feet that even the mosquitoes give up.

So, you sit back on the canoe seat and try to physically pull your dead feet out from under you. Then you try wiggling your toes manually so you can coax blood back in. If in a few minutes the circulation returns - though that's never a sure bet - you can exit gracefully, which in this case basically means, you stand up precariously, waver, and then fall out of the canoe onto shore. The good news is, even though you look like Frankenstein for the first few steps, the circulation will almost always fully return - and you will be able to walk with whatever

limp your bad hip allows.

The thing is that no middle-aged person wants to admit that they need a few minutes before they are physically capable of leaving the canoe. It's un-Canadian and goes against our personal belief that, had we just been born in the right era, we would have played a major role storming Juno beach on D-Day.

It conjures up scenarios like:

"Galea, take the bunker!"

"Yes sir, as soon as my feet wake up!"

And that is not good for the ego.

So, typically, when two middle-aged canoeists hit the shore or dock, they find subtle ways of keeping their condition secret and delaying until their feet work again.

Sometimes it is as simple as taking a deep breath and saying, "Wow, this place is beautiful. I just can't bring myself to leave it yet."

Or, "You get out. I'll steady the canoe."

Of course, people get even more creative than that. I once

had an older fishing buddy pretend to be looking for a contact lens that fell out - which would be believable had he not been wearing glasses at the time.

I prefer to go with the old pretending to organize my fishing tackle ploy. If I do it just right, my feet will be operational just before I have closed the tackle box.

Most times, perhaps because I have shorter legs, the circulation in my feet returns before my fishing buddy is ready. This allows me to get out first and tease him about getting old.

It's quite a good feeling, and I'll think about it again, later in the day. As soon as I have had my afternoon nap.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The right to rest in peace

WHILE SHIPS searched for the submersible lost while visiting the Titanic gravesite, I visited another gravesite. I was back in northwestern Ontario, where I was born and raised. On the rare occasions that I get back there I always visit the cemetery where my family members are buried.

Visiting gravesites is important. Showing respect for those who have gone before us is one way that we remain civilized.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Being at the cemetery always is awkward. You want to walk among the headstones of your relatives and friends, while trying not to step on anyone's grave. Common etiquette tells you to step cautiously, quietly and respectfully.

Gravesite visits are personal, private affairs. They are not tourist events.

The visit of the 22-foot submersible named Titan was just that – a tourist event. It was an operation taking wealthy “explorer-research” tourists deep to the Atlantic Ocean floor and to google, through one 21-inch window, the remains of the British passenger

ship Titanic.

The Titanic struck an iceberg 400 miles off Newfoundland in 1912 and sank, taking more than 1,500 people to a watery grave.

In 2021 U.S.-based OceanGate Expeditions began offering trips in a cramped submersible to view the Titanic wreckage on the ocean floor roughly 2.5 miles below the ocean surface. OceanGate set the tourist ticket price at \$250,000 USD per person.

The company promoted the deep dives to the Titanic as a “chance to step outside of everyday life and discover something truly extraordinary.”

Stockton Rush, the OceanGate chief executive who died with four others when the submersible imploded enroute to the Titanic site last week, had said the value of the Titanic visits is in collecting images, data and expanding knowledge of the ocean.

He told an interviewer last year that there is much to learn from the Titanic – how fast shipwrecks decay and how bacteria eats metal and so on. With all due respect for Mr. Rush's life and work, I vigorously disagree.

There are thousands of other sunken ships on many ocean floors. Some went down without taking people with them and are not gravesites. The Titanic is a gravesite. It's an iconic one and there are rich people who will pay huge money just to say they went down to see it.

The research argument is a fallacious one. There is nothing to be learned from Titanic and its watery environment that can't be learned elsewhere.

There's not much else to learn about the Titanic itself. We know it was on its maiden voyage from England to America. We know it was considered unsinkable but it hit an iceberg at full speed and sank. We know that the Titanic radio room received a warning of an ice field ahead but ignored it because a radio operator considered the warning non-urgent and did not pass it on to the captain.

We also know the Titanic had only 20 lifeboats, enough to carry 1,100 people, despite the fact that ship carried 2,200 passengers. It was later revealed that a government inspector recommended it should have 50 per cent more lifeboats but feared for his job if he did not allow the ship to sail.

We already know the main lesson from the Titanic: we humans are incredibly brilliant and incredibly stupid. Our brilliance built a magnificent ship named Titanic. Our stupidity sank it and left 1,500 people in a 2.5-mile deep grave.

The Titanic sinking is an important piece of history that has inspired books, movies and mountains of theories. But the world has nothing to gain by allowing it to be a tourist attraction for the super-rich.

Bob Dylan, the singer-songwriter, has a thought about gravesites in his memoir *Chronicles*:

“The first thing you notice about New Orleans are the burying grounds - the cemeteries – and they're a cold proposition, one of the best things there are here. Going by, you try to be as quiet as possible, better to let them sleep.”

That's how our society should think about the Titanic gravesite. Pass by quietly and respectfully and allow the people who died there to rest in peace.

letters to the editor

Helicopter chaos

To the Editor,

It is concerning that I witnessed such a chaotic scene at the helipad late afternoon of Saturday June 24. The single vehicle MVC at Moore Lake Estates was serious. The fact that Air Orange had to shut down at the Minden ER location while the patient was being prepped is a clear indication that there were some serious issues at play. The screams of pain from the patient only added to the distressing situation.

Two air ambulances were dispatched. One Landed at Minden Site with no doctors available and another at the Haliburton Site.

The frustration with the use of the helipad is understandable. It is concerning that the patient had to endure such pain when doctors could have intervened at the ER Location in Minden. The

concern for the well-being of the EMS personnel is also noteworthy. Witnessing such scenes can have a significant impact on the mental and emotional health of those involved.

Overall, the account highlights the importance of having a stable and well-equipped ER to handle emergency situations. It is crucial that patients receive the care they need in a timely and efficient manner to avoid unnecessary pain and suffering.

Bring back and re-open the Minden ER and appoint a supervisor to oversee the handling of funds, management of the HHHS, and to do a complete review of the HHHS

Patrick Porzuczek,
Minden

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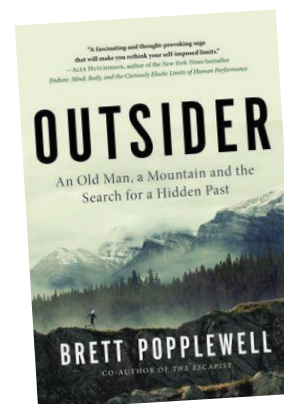
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If you are taking part of any Canada Day activities this long weekend, submit your photos to the Times by Monday, July 4, 3 p.m. to Emily Stonehouse - emily@haliburtonpress.com.



It's time to dust off those boots for some music and a good cause! Abbey Gardens will be hosting their first Gardens Hoedown Country Night on June 30, and will be featuring Rob Watts in the big tent. Rob Watts has shared the stage with country music stars Thomas Rhett, Florida Georgia Line, and more, and has performed on the main stage at Boots & Hearts. He's known for high energy country covers and originals sure to get the toes tapping. Abbey Gardens will also offer food, drinks, games, and contests, including best dressed country outfit. For tickets, visit www.abbeygardens.ca. / Photo submitted

HCPL's Book of the Week



When journalist Brett Popplewell first heard about Dag Aabye, an aging former stuntman who lived alone inside a school bus on a mountain, running day and night through blizzards and heat waves, he was intrigued and bewildered. Captivated by the seemingly implausible tale of a wild super-athlete aging more slowly than the rest of us, he was determined to meet the apocryphal white-haired man who was pushing the boundaries of the human mind and body beyond what anyone could dream was possible.

What Popplewell witnessed on a secluded mountain perch led him on a six-year odyssey to uncover the true story of the 81-year-old man.

Outsider by Brett Popplewell is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Start your engines!

An ATV racer speeds down the track at the annual Truck Pull and Show & Shine hosted by the Minden Kinsmen at the Minden Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 24. /TIM YANO Special to the Times



Cheryl Smith and Mike Hamilton throw up dust while competing at the first annual ATV drag races.



The Show and Shine featured both vintage and new vehicles.



Karen London and Griffen Baldry race their ATVs down the track.



Andy Rickard looks on as Kaden Wilson, 6, of Bracebridge had his chance on the track to drag race against Jason Briden. /KAREN LONDON Staff



Stormy skies didn't stop the excitement of the Truck Pull at the Minden Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 24. /TIM YANO Special to the Times



Kin Club volunteers add more weight to the pull sled for a heavier class of trucks. /KAREN LONDON Staff



Randy's Landscaping of Haliburton sets up to pull in the tandem and tri-axle dump truck class.



A Rogerson Logging truck was on display at the Show and Shine on Saturday.



A seafoam green cabover was on display at the Show and Shine.



Jarrett Campbell, RJR Industries of Minden, pulls in the highway tractor class.



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Community letter from HHHSF

Dear Residents, Cottagers and Visitors,

Now more than ever there is reason to care for each other. As the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation we are very aware of how our actions affect others in all of the communities that we serve.

The Foundation is deeply concerned for the community, and the individuals who are affected by the recent changes. And we are in awe of how neighbours have come together to support one another at this time and are grateful that people are looking out for each other.

We are also unbelievably thankful to the health care workers who continue to support our health care needs. We don't know what we would do without them.

We want to continue to support our community and our health care teams the only way we can - by raising funds for equipment and services that are not funded by the government or government agencies.

The needs of our community are continuing to grow and the recent events in local health care shows us that we need to increase our investment in care. We will do whatever we can to provide additional support to keep health care in our county, especially emergency care.

The HHHS Foundation is not involved in operations; we are an independent fundraising not-for-profit created to financially sup-

port areas of Haliburton Highlands Health Services that are not funded by the government. We continue to raise funds for equipment that will help health care workers be their best and to help in the efforts to bring more qualified workers to the county. We can't affect wages for workers but we can give them the tools to be their best.

We support community members who need help through programs like Meals on Wheels and Medically Required Transportation so that they can enjoy a few hot meals a month or get to important life-saving appointments. We also help our two long term care facilities and staff education. All of this is made possible through the generosity of residents and cottagers alike.

We hope that you can find a moment in the next little while to provide additional care and kindness to your community and your local health care teams. To financially support these efforts, donations can be made on the hhhs.ca/foundation website or through our events and campaigns which will continue to run throughout the summer months and beyond.

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Our friend, Barrie Martin

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

For so much of life, our careers define us. At parties, for introductions to strangers, as a sense of belonging.

I thought about this as I drove to Barrie Martin's house last week for an interview.

The tourism maverick will be retired as of June 25, 2023, winding down a career that spans decades in helping others. In giving back.

How do I define his career in a short article?

For those who know Barrie, they know all that he has done. From being named Highlander of the Year in 2002 to being crowned a tourism champion from the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario, he has left his mark on the community in more ways than one.

As I pulled up his gravel driveway to the log cabin he and his wife, Pat, call home, I figured out my angle. Many people know who Barrie Martin is. What he does. Some folks know the timeline of his career, and that his heart and soul beats for the Haliburton Highlands.

But what about his "why"? Why did Martin dedicate an entire career to giving back to his community?

"It's in my genes," he said as we settled onto the outdoor patio, myself with a cool water and Barrie with his standard hot coffee and maple syrup, "from my early days of working, we were always finding ways to partner and collaborate so that we could succeed together."

Barrie was referencing his chapter at the



After decades in the tourism world, Barrie Martin retired on June 25. He hopes to embrace a slower pace in life, and continue finding ways to be involved in the Haliburton Highlands. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

Frost Centre, where he worked for 24 years before it was closed down in 2004. "That part of the county doesn't always feel like it's part of the county, so we would do whatever we could to connect with other partners along the way."

Shortly after the Frost Centre closure, Barrie transitioned to the Trails and Tours Network, which was a not-for-profit through the Chamber of Commerce. As president and

co-founder of the organization, he was able to secure over one million dollars in funding for local trail development for Haliburton County.

In 2006, through working with the Trails and Tours Network, Barrie noticed a gap in community-led collaboration within the tourism world of the Highlands, and in 2006, the concept of Yours Outdoors (YO) was born.

YO is a tourism company that focuses on creating experiences that are memorable, sustainable, and above all, collaborative. With nearly 100 experience providers scattered across the county, YO offers experiences like rock climbing to glass blowing and everything in between. The company acts as a means of connecting the dots for all the great things this region has to offer. "Yours Outdoors was a big leap," said Barrie as he swatted away a rogue blackfly from sampling his coffee, "I went from 28 years as a civil servant to suddenly being an entrepreneur."

But being an entrepreneur of his own business didn't slow Barrie down when it came to volunteering. "My biggest marketing strategy was to just always be at the table, whatever table that was, as much as possible. To be present and active," he said.

With that in mind, he became the chair for both the community tourism stakeholder group and Adventure Haliburton, the president of the Haliburton County Folk Society, the director of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, and the vice president of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, to name a few.

Like any new business, YO took a bit of time to get off the ground, but Barrie said that his biggest measurement of growth was when other tourism stakeholders began to express interest in working together, and the reviews for the experiences started rolling in. "That really feeds your sense of success," he said, "helping to foster the spirit of collaboration in the community."

But Barrie doesn't attribute his successes in the company solely to his own hard work. Instead, he credits the community that makes Yours Outdoors thrive. "Haliburton County has a sense of volunteerism, of innovation, of great experiences," he said. "We have the landscapes, the culture, and that was the canvas for me to build this business."

He also expressed infinite gratitude for the experience providers that hopped onto the idea of YO, and provided exceptional experi-

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— BARRIE MARTIN

ences for all participants. "I would not be successful were it not for the experiences, and the experience leaders," he said, "they're the real strength of the organization."

When asked about what's next for Barrie Martin, he couldn't help but laugh. To know Barrie is to know that he's a man who never slows down. But he knows that it's time. "I have to change my pace," he said, "and that's okay. Actually, I am getting used to the idea!"

Haliburton Forest purchased the YO business from Barrie in 2020. As for a succession plan, the Forest intends to keep the branding and the experiences from Barrie's decades of development, and he is confident that YO will be in good hands moving forward.

As the sun shifted and the blackflies began swirling around our ears on the patio, Barrie reflected on his years of working and his next steps. His years of bringing the community together, and celebrating the Haliburton Highlands. He has an air of coolness about him; of comfort, of peace.

"We are stronger as a community," he mused as he finished his coffee, "each one of us can do good things on an individual basis, but we can really do so much more together."

For so many of us, as careers wind down, there is a sense of loss. Of confusion. Of wondering what's next. But for Barrie, his career wasn't just a job. It was who he was. He poured his heart and soul into this community, and he will continue to carry that forward in whatever his next project will be. And trust me, there will be another project on the horizon. One day soon. Because celebrating the Haliburton Highlands, will always be Barrie Martin's "why".

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The sounds and songs of the Summer Festival

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

It's the summer of songs from the Highlands Summer Festival (HSF) as they kick off their official 2023 season on July 3 with the musical *She Loves Me*.

"This is just a beautiful and sweet and lovely play," said Scot Denton, the artistic producer of the Highlands Summer Festival. Denton revealed that this play is based on a Hungarian play originally titled the *Perfumery*, which was then redone through a modern lens with the blockbuster hit *You've Got Mail*.

Set in the 1930s, the play focuses on two main couples, with the protagonists simultaneously hating one another whilst (of course) unknowingly falling in love.

She Loves Me runs for the first two weeks of July, before being followed by the next play, titled *4000 Miles*. This four-person play was shortlisted for a Pulitzer Prize in 2013, and revolves around the storyline of a young man named Leo, who bikes across America to his grandmother, Vera's, home. Vera and Leo have not seen one another in years, and as the play progresses, the audience is let in on secrets, motives, and personal stories. Designed to make viewers think about family, love, and loss, it's sure to charm everyone who watches it. "It's truly a comedy," said Denton, "but it certainly has darker, dramatic elements to it."

The third play of the season is titled *Shirley Valentine*, which is an "absolute tour de force for one actress," said Denton. Many viewers would recall the 1989 film with the same

title, starring Pauline Collins. In this theatre version, viewers get a chance to hear the inner workings of Shirley Valentine, as she navigates her journey through life, before eventually ending up on the trip of a lifetime.

On top of the variety of plays offered by the HSF this season, the committee is also including a musical component to the lineup.

More Confessions from the Ninth Concession is presented by Dan Needles and Ian Bell, which takes viewers through a comedic journey of rural life via creative

songs and stories. Needles is the author of the beloved Wingfield Farm stage comedies, and Bell is a founding performer for CBC's Vinyl Café.

Wrapping up the season is *Early Morning Rain, the Legend of Gordon Lightfoot*. "So many of these songs will really sink in for our patrons," said Denton. "So many of them have grown up listening to Lightfoot." Featuring Leisa Way and the Wayward Wind Band, the show takes audiences on a musical journey that tells the story of one of

Canada's most renowned musicians; Gordon Lightfoot.

Despite a stellar lineup, Denton shared that ticket sales are not what they would like to be for this time in the season. "I think people aren't used to going out," he said, "and yes, there are still some people worried about crowds, and we understand that as well, but this is going to be a great season."

For more information and to book tickets, visit www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.



Rock on, Rockcliffes

The owners of the Rockcliffes are celebrating their one year anniversary of their Moore Falls location on July 1. While the wheels are in motion to continue work on the location in downtown Minden, the dedicated team of entrepreneurs has put their efforts into the Moore Falls location, while still leaning into the traditional Rockcliffes branding. Kirsty Goodearle, one of the owners of the facility, shared that there is a full lineup on Canada Day, including live music, contests, and a guided ATV ride. For more information follow The Rockcliffes - Moore Falls on Facebook. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



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National Indigenous History Month in the Haliburton Highlands

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor



Larry O'Connor found out in his retirement that he has Indigenous roots, and has spent the past few years exploring his own history. He is dedicated to learning about his family, their stories, and how he can educate others about Indigenous culture in the Haliburton Highlands. /Photo submitted

Relations Policy, and scheduled PAR training for the Forest's leadership team this summer.

"As we approach the second phase in late-2023 or early-2024, we will start implementing our new internal policies, updating our internal communications, holding company-wide training, as well as reaching out to the communities of interest," Cockwell told the *Times*.

The CCAB have been nothing but supportive throughout the Forest's journey towards education thus far, claimed Cockwell. He shared that they provide a tangible framework to address key priorities, for not only the tourism component of the Forest, but also the logging side of the business.

While businesses are finding their footing with Indigenous education and reconciliation, there are locals in the community that ensure that Indigenous information is never out of sight, out of mind.

Larry O'Connor is the host of *Tales from the Big Canoe* on Canoe FM, which airs the last Wednesday and the following Friday of each month.

O'Connor was a cottager of the Haliburton Highlands for 40 years during his professional career of everything from committee involvement to the mayor of Brock Township. Upon retirement, he moved to the Highlands permanently, and was able to explore his own story.

"I always knew something was there," he said, "but I never really had a chance to delve into it."

O'Connor's grandparents had passed away early in his life, but he claimed that he always had a feeling that he had ties to the land, to nature, and to the world views practiced by many Indigenous cultures. "It was always there," he said, "but I just never understood it."

Through careful investigation, O'Connor discovered that he had Métis heritage on both sides of his family, and specifically Odawa heritage on his father's side. "It was always my dad's dream to understand his history, and he found out two years before he passed. Mom also always wanted to know, and she received her Métis citizenship six weeks before she died."

He shared that one of the reasons the history has been so skewed was because of the colonial impacts on the culture throughout history. "My grandmother went to a residential school, and she survived, but when she left, she lied and told everyone her children were French. She didn't want the same thing for them that she had experienced."

O'Connor believes that a big part of Indigenous celebrations should be to not only recognize the land you are on, but reclaim the history that has been whitewashed. "For so many people, they have lived a life of denial because of the treatment they received," he said.

Over the past few years, O'Connor has started attending as many Indigenous events and experiences as possible, and has begun to dabble in the world of traditional Indigenous dances. "I am proud to say that I can actually dance at a Grand Entry," he said.

He referenced the many pieces of his regalia – some that he has made himself and some that are collected or inherited – that make his experiences all the more fulfilling, including a Métis sash to honour his late mother. "So many pieces of what we do, our history, our culture, it's all in that regalia," he said.

While we are far from reversing the damages inflicted by colonialism in our region, National Indigenous History Month serves as a reminder to reflect, honour, and celebrate Indigenous practices, cultures, and stories on this land once known as Ogidaaki.

The month of June has been identified as National Indigenous History Month, with National Indigenous People's Day falling on June 21, to tie in with the summer solstice.

The date was put in place by the federal government in 2017, and has been recognized nationally ever since.

According to www.native-land.ca, Haliburton County sits on the traditional territory of the Anishinabaweki and the Mississauga Nations. In 2018, David Andrew Beaucage Johnson, a student at Trent University, wrote an essay on the history of Indigenous habitation in the region through the locally-supported U-Links program.

"The original name for the area of Haliburton Highlands is Ogidaaki, or Gidaaki in the Mississauga pronunciation," wrote Johnson in his paper. "The meaning of Gidaaki can be broken into two words Gidaa meaning upwards and Ki meaning earth. When English came to be spoken by the Mississaugas, the area was referred to as 'The Height of Land'."

The Haliburton Highlands.

So what are the Highlands now? And how do we proceed in this community in a way that is supportive, inclusive, and understanding of Indigenous cultures?

Being a tourism-based community, the *Times* reached out to Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO). OHTO is this region's destination development organization that was established by the Ontario Government to coordinate tourism initiatives.

"It's not just about acknowledging the land we work and live on," said Amy Hogue, the content specialist for OHTO, "it's a first step to acknowledge it, but then the next step is to celebrate it."

Hogue shared that as a region that is dependent on tourism, it is important for consumers to be mindful of their purchases and practices. "Being open to cultural educational experiences, such as PowWows, and making sure you support Indigenous artisans and tour operators is key," she said.

Hogue believes that the educational component of reconciliation is fundamental in progressing forward. "Awareness of Indigenous history and culture is constantly evolving," she said, "we need to keep asking ourselves, 'how can we help educate Ontario's Highlands?'"

While Hogue said that there are no tourism providers in the County who have officially identified as Indigenous at this time, there are organizations dedicated to this foundation of education.

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is one such organization.

The Forest opted into the Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program in mid-January of 2023. The program is spearheaded by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB), and is designed as a program that any organization can jump into without any prior knowledge. The three-year program is split into equal parts, starting with internal planning, then moving on to setting specific and measurable goals, and finally concluding with outreach.

"During this first phase in 2023, our focus is on making internal progress," said Malcolm Cockwell, the managing director of Haliburton Forest, "so that we are in a position to build meaningful, mutually beneficial relationships in 2024 and beyond."

Over the past few months, Cockwell shared that he and his team at the Forest have identified the key Indigenous communities with which they hope to build relationships with. They have also formalized an Aboriginal

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Where: Welsh Room, Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Join printmaker Meggan Winsley to learn about the creative process of printmaking and to try screen printing for yourself. Participants will leave with a print of local flora and fauna. Meggan will share experiences of her time spent at Halls Island Artist Residency and her knowledge and passion for printmaking. Light snacks provided. Admission by donation. To register please visit www.hallsisland.ca.

Unique Baskets from Garden and Nature

When: Tuesday July 4, 7:00 pm

Where: Minden Community Centre,

55 Parkside Street

Minden & District Horticultural Society invites you to come and listen to our guest Speaker Sheila Zinman share about creating unique baskets using materials from the garden and nature. Please visit mindenhorticulturalsociety.ca for more information.

Outpost Scrabble and Coffee

When: July 19 and Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Red Cross Outpost, 2314 Loop Road, Wilberforce.

Join us for Outpost Scrabble & Coffee at the Red Cross Outpost Historic House Museum, 2314 Loop Road, Wilberforce. Wednesday July 19th and August 23rd starting at 10:30 am.

Minden Legion Branch 636

Lunch - Monday to Friday

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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.

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Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

The Survey, The Data & The Results:

You may have seen the Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) that was shared online in December, and the various pieces of information we gained from it shared here over the past six months. In this final installment, we wanted you to see all the key data in one easy-to-read infographic. To view all information related to the RSS, including the final report, the various articles, and the County's 5-year Destination Management Plan, we encourage you to visit: <https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca/resident-sentiment-survey-rss>. The 2nd annual RSS will run from Sept. 11 to Nov. 12, 2023 – we strongly encourage you to take part and have your say in how we build tourism here in the Haliburton Highlands!

County of Haliburton Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS)

Haliburton Highlands' 5-Year Destination Management Plan proposed a community-based tourism development approach. This means a key action moving forward is hearing from residents about the visitor economy (i.e. tourism). To gather your opinions, we developed a tool called a Resident Sentiment Survey (RSS) to provide us with the necessary data to benchmark, track, and address evolving public opinion year-over-year.

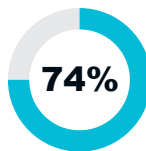


The 2nd Annual Resident Sentiment Survey will run from September 11 – November 12, 2023.

RSS Winter 2022 592 Responses



Seasonal Residents



Permanent Residents



To learn more about the RSS, use the QR code to visit the Wade In Haliburton County webpage.



The County of Haliburton is a proud recipient of the Government of Canada's investment in tourism through the Tourism Relief Fund for this project.

What we heard you say about Haliburton Highlands

8.3/10 average ranking of it being a very attractive place to visit

68% agree we should invite more visitors throughout the year, especially in the winter and shoulder seasons

68% do not rely on the visitor economy for their household income

43% of 18-44 year olds rely on the visitor economy for 1-50% of their household income

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“Residents need to understand that they are an important part of making Haliburton a destination. People make the place what it is; People make Haliburton.”

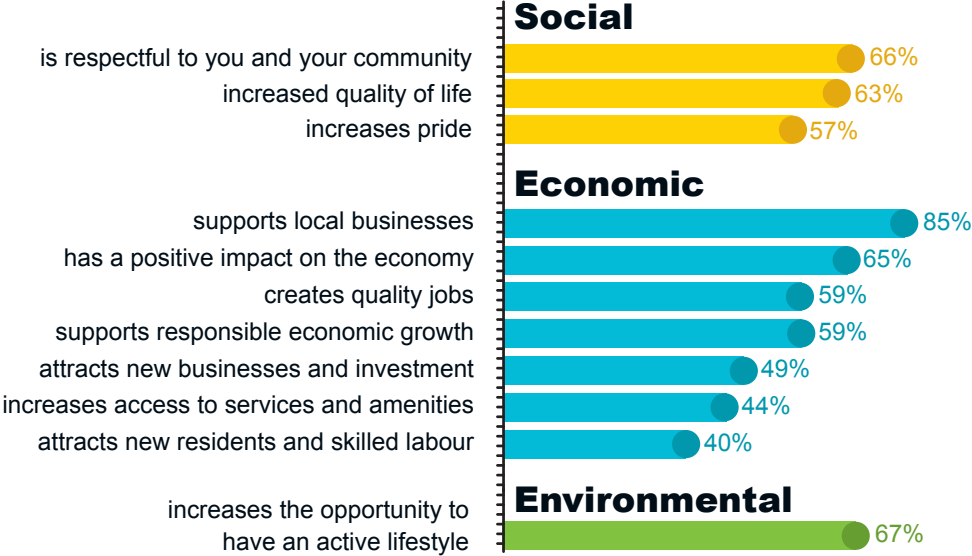
– RSS respondent

“As a local business owner, I feel like all we hear about is how tourism somehow damages Haliburton. I can tell you that without tourism, and seasonal residents, local business like ours would not survive.”

– RSS respondent

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You agreed that the visitor economy...



Adventuring Ahead What you highlighted as areas of growth...



Youth Retention
To grow employment opportunities for youth



Tourism Alignments
Develop tourism activities that align with the needs of residents (i.e. affordability, protection and restoration of the natural environment, etc.)



Awareness Building
Build awareness of current tourism initiatives related to climate change; truth & reconciliation; diversity, equity & inclusion; etc

You disagree that the visitor economy...

39% builds awareness of how residents' actions impact the local environment

48% makes your communities affordable

42% increases youth retention

The level of familiarity of the Tourism Department at the County of Haliburton was



41% of you were unsure whether the visitor economy actively works towards climate change adaptation efforts

Play ball!

The Haliburton/ Muskoka District 11 Ontario Senior Games pickleball tournament was held at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Tuesday, June 20 where teams and individuals competed for a podium position in their age bracket. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Pickleball competitors congratulate each other after their game on Tuesday, June 20.



A player focuses on the ball, ready to make a shot.

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Level: Beginner

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Answers on page 21

Bateman Family: A Sense of Place

July 6 - September 2, 2023

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Rocky Point
Robert Bateman, 1987

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Single vehicle rollover on Highway 35

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a single-vehicle rollover on Highway 35 in the Township of Minden Hills, Haliburton County.

On June 24, shortly after 4 p.m., Haliburton Highlands OPP and emergency services responded to a single passenger vehicle collision, where a vehicle travelling southbound on Highway 35 crossed into the northbound lanes and rolled, coming to a rest on Moore Lake Estates Road.

Two occupants, after one was extricated, were transported to local hospital, and later airlifted by Ornge to a Toronto-

area trauma centre with serious injuries.

OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation. Highway 35 northbound was reduced to one lane and has since reopened.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dash-cam footage and has not yet spoken with police is asked to call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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Do something Dramatic this summer

Haliburton Highlands Challenge kicks off with a celebration

by **BARB SMITH-MORRISON**
Special to the Times

It was an afternoon of moving stories, high energy and a lot of lime green T-shirts as the Abbey Retreat Centre held the official launch of their 4th Annual Haliburton Highlands Challenge, running from July 1 to Sept. 30.

Air advisories and thunderstorm warnings didn't squelch the spirit of fun or the commitment to make a difference in the lives of those living with cancer. The retreat centre was filled with HHC fundraisers who will be taking to the water, the hiking trails, the bike paths, or their own homes as they swim, kayak, canoe, bike, dance, hike, or do whatever movement fits their health and lifestyle to raise awareness and funds through this unique fundraiser.

Over the next few months, friends and supporters of the Abbey Retreat Centre's cancer support programs will be getting active and inviting their friends, families and colleagues to donate in support of their retreats and online programs that serve people across Ontario who are living with cancer. The Abbey Retreat Centre also hosts A Warm Hug from the Highlands, a volunteer-led initiative that creates warm, flannel backed quilts for permanent and seasonal residents facing a cancer diagnosis. Since it began in June of 2022, over 60 quilts have been gifted to local community members living with cancer.

Since the Abbey Retreat Centre first began in 2017, they have been committed to offering their cancer support programs at no



Abbey Retreat Centre executive director Barb Smith-Morrison and Eliza peek through ribbons during the kick off of the Haliburton Highlands Challenge at Abbey Retreat Centre on Sunday, June 25. Read more on page 4. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo

cost, recognizing that individuals and families living with cancer already face many increased expenses. Since it's beginning,

The Abbey Retreat Centre has served over 322 people affected by cancer through their suite of programming. Having to close their

in-person programs during COVID, they quickly began designing and creating online programs that have received very positive reviews and feedback. They have also opened the retreat centre to countless others through the years whose lives have been affected by cancer, offering space to the local HHHS cancer support and grief groups, as well providing a gathering place for families who are looking for a time of respite and relaxation in the midst of a cancer journey. By December, the Abbey Retreat Centre is set to host four more in-person retreats and three more online programs, serving another 70 people who are facing cancer.

The waitlist for programs continues to grow as people from across Ontario, and beyond, are hearing about the transformational and impactful programming happening at the Abbey Retreat Centre. The Haliburton Highlands Challenge hopes to raise \$80,000 which will move 50 people off of the waitlist into a four-day retreat.

Unique across Canada, the Abbey Retreat Centre also offers their four-day retreats to the key support people or caregivers of those living with cancer, believing that healing is enhanced for everyone when the caregiver is also well cared for.

Their retreats and online programs introduce evidence-informed practices that are focused on tending the whole person - body, mind and soul - in the midst of a cancer journey.

To find out more, join a team or donate: haliburtonhighlandschallenge.ca.

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Golfing for good

Vince Duchene putts on the green while his team watches during the 11th annual Water Ambassadors Charity Golf Classic held at the Pinestone Resort Golf Course on Thursday, June 22. The tournament raised nearly \$300,000 to help provide clean drinking water in developing countries. Volunteers Barry Hart and Heather Alloway, co-founders of Water Ambassadors Canada (WAC), were both volunteering at the tournament, and started WAC 20 years ago after learning about the need for access to clean water around the world. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



A team stops for a photo on Thursday, June 22 at the Pinestone Resort Golf Course.



AJ Lester attempts to hit his ball closest to the water can at one of the challenge holes during the 11th annual Water Ambassadors Charity Golf Classic.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the commenting period with respect to the following applications has concluded and the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills now proposes to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- 1. **File No. PLSRA2022003:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of 1008 Carefree Drive within Part Lot 11, Concession 14 in the Geographic Township of Snowdon.
- 2. **File No. PLSRA2022025:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1033 Rays Lane within Part Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden.
- 3. **File No. PLSRA2022033:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 1004 Minstrel Court within Part Lot 13, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden.
- 4. **File No. PLSRA2022062:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1197 Canuck Trail within Part Lot 10, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for July 27th, 2023.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

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- 1. **File No. PLSRA2022042:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 2020 Twelve Mile Lake Road within Part Lot 10, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden.
- 2. **File No. PLSRA2022079:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of 1059 Nawautin Lane within Part Lot 10, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden.
- 3. **File No. PLSRA2023003:** Part of original shore road allowance along the shore of Bat Lake, lying in front of 1092 Touchwood Trail within Part Lot 5, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden
- 4. **File No. PLSRA2023011:** Part of original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1067 Halikash Lane within Part Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden
You can provide input by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than July 29th, 2023.
The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for a later date. Should you wish to be notified when a Council meeting has been scheduled, please contact the undersigned or email adougherty@mindenhills.ca no later than July 29th, 2023.

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How to stack without breaking your back

THERE IS nothing quite like curling up with a blanket in front of a roaring wood stove. The sound of the fire crackling and the feel of the warmth on your face. It's enough to set your mind at ease as you settle down after a long day. When we first bought our fixer upper home it was solely heated with wood.



DR. KASSIE WRIGHT
Wellness Corner with Kassie

There were two fireplaces; one in the basement and one upstairs. Not being a stranger to wood heat I knew the dedication it took to constantly be feeding the fire in the dead of winter. However, I admit when it was my own home that I underestimated the level of preparedness it required to support this no furnace lifestyle. My husband and I would spend weeks in the spring and summer splitting,

transferring and stacking wood to prepare for the upcoming cooler months.

Many of us here in the Highlands spend a good amount of time preparing for the winter season. After gaining much experience I have come up with a list of tips and tricks to allow us all to stack without breaking our backs.

The first tip is for those who are swinging an ax. No matter which way you swing, try to end with your feet being square to the log. Typically most people start their swing in a rotated position. As you come through the swing, step the back foot to be in line with the planted foot. We do not want the lower back to be in a rotated position while the ax hits the wood. This creates torque and leads to the lower back being more susceptible to injury. Also try and elevate the wood on a chopping block to avoid excessive lumbar flexion.

Some wood splitters have a rack so when the wood is cut, it falls onto the rack at waist height instead of falling

to the ground. This allows for less repetitive bending of the lower back and is a very worthwhile accessory.

When bending down to pick up the wood, bend your knees, hinge at the hips, and maintain a neutral spine. Keep the weight close to your centre of gravity. The legs are large, strong muscles so make sure to use them! Avoid excess flexion or extension of the lower back. Try to keep you back in a neutral position and gently brace the core when lifting a heavy load. This will create intra abdominal pressure and reduce the risk of injury. Visualize pulling the shoulder blades together and sticking them in your back pockets while you lift. This will help to protect the upper body as well.

Another piece of advice is to know your limit of what weight you can actually pick up. If you bend to pick up a piece of wood and it's too heavy, put it back down and cut it into smaller pieces. This will allow you to work longer and not be sore the next day. After picking up the wood safely, turn the whole body to place it on the stack. It's easy to get into a bad habit of simply grabbing a piece and tossing it on the pile without moving the feet. Think of moving the shoulders and hips together. If you're rotating constantly in one direction it can lead to overuse injuries in the lumbar spine.

Switch sides often. Do not continually stack on one side only. When you get into a stacking flow it's easy to reach over with one hand, grab the end of the wood and throw it on the stack. Unfortunately this can lead to injuries of the wrist and forearm. Instead, try grabbing each end of the wood with both hands and hold the wood close to your body.

And lastly, avoid overuse by trying not to do it all in one day. I understand this requires planning and sometimes there is only so much time. But when the body repeats a certain pattern it isn't used too over and over, our bodies' biomechanics will fatigue much quicker which leads to overuse injuries. Take breaks often, and do some gentle extension/backward bending stretches to give your back a

rest between work loads.
Splitting and stacking wood can be economical, a good workout and a great activity for the whole family to tackle together. Implement these tips so you can prepare and enjoy.

When picking up wood:

- Create intra abdominal pressure
- Keep the weight close to your body
- If you can't pick it up, don't pick it up
- Avoid rotation
- Avoid overuse - try not to do it all in one day
- Elevate the wood on a chopping log
- Use your knees - bend them!

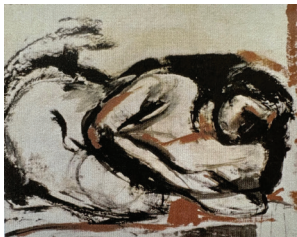
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August 14th | 7:30-8:45pm

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It is with great sadness we announce Judi MacLean (daughter of Buzz and Bessie Godin) passed away Thursday, June 15 from complications due to surgery at Sunnybrook Hospital.

She was just a couple weeks shy of her 71st birthday. She is survived by a loving family - Jamie(spouse), her son Spencer and his partner Raluca, her brother-in-law (Sandy) and his family Nancy (spouse) and son (Corey)her sister-Penny and her husband (Martin), daughter Courtney and her family

Judi was born in Minden and was very involved with the local United Church until venturing to Sheridan College in one of the first cohorts in Graphic Arts. She worked in Graphic Design until starting her own Graphics business and then found her true calling with the Downsizing Divas. She relished helping people, whether she knew them or not and assisting seniors with moves and change fed her soul.

As a teenager she raced snowmobiles and as an adult skied and took up scuba diving. In recent years sewing became a passion and artistic outlet. Her sense of determination accepted all challenges.

Her spirit will live on through organ donations.

She will be missed

Jamie and family will meet friends for a Celebration of Life at Heritage Funeral Centre, 50 Overlea Boulevard, Toronto on Thursday, June 29 from 1 to 4 PM. In keeping with Judi's up beat personality spirit casual/colourful attire is welcome

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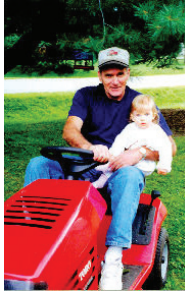
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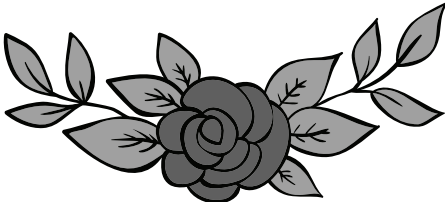
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Beautiful grads

The girls were all pretty and the boys handsome at ASES on Thursday night.

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End of high school

Minden's Sterling Crowe wraps up four years of memories at HHSS.

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Allison's married

Former Minden Times reporter and her high school sweetheart marry.

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In Quotes

It tells us we're better off not to depend on pundits. You need to make up your own mind.

Tom Crowe on Monday night's election results, page 3



Darren Lum/TIMES

Happy birthday, Canada!

Three-year-old Owen Smith from Minden gets halfway through his cookie during the Minden Canada Day festivities. More than a thousand people attended the event that included the annual Crazy Raft race, horseshoe competition, antique car show, musical entertainment and fireworks by the Minden Hills Fire Dep't.

Budget forces changes at Early Years centre

by IZABELA JAROSZYNSKI
Times Staff

With its new budget in place, the Ontario Early Years Centre of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock is in the process of making some changes.

The first of the changes, which was the recent three-week summer closure of the Minden and Haliburton centres, caused ripples

of discontent among the parents who use them.

Further changes will continue to be implemented over the next few months, making some parents afraid that program cuts are in the works.

Judith Tripp, the executive director of local OEYC, says all changes made to the centres will serve to improve programs by making spending more efficient.

"We are cutting down on the amount of administration," she said. "We decided to put the focus on programming."

After submitting the budget to the provincial government, which must approve it each year, Tripp was told that the centre had to cut down on spending.

The board considered various cost-saving methods and decided

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Frost Centre's fate up in air

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

There are fears that when staff at the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre meet with a senior Ministry of Natural Resources manager on Tuesday they will be told the facility is closing.

Rumours that the provincially-owned facility, which has been educating Ontarians about their natural resources for 60 years, is slated for closure have been circulating for weeks.

All staff are expected to be at the centre on Tuesday to attend a meeting with a senior staff member from the MNR's Peterborough headquarters, although the agenda has not been disclosed.

The potential closure would affect the Frost Centre's various education and housing facilities south of Dorset, not the adjacent 24,000 hectares of Crown land which were deeded to it in 1974.

The MNR, for its part, is keeping tight lipped. All requests for comment are being deflected to its media department. Spokesperson Steve Payne would not deny the rumours nor confirm them. He said that the MNR, which owns and operates the facility, is "evaluating all of its institutions."

The Frost Centre costs \$1.7-million a year to run but it recoups many of those expenses from fees for service from various users such as school groups, visitors and other ministries. It is the primary learning centre for the MNR's Conservation Officers. Last year the centre logged 25,000 user days, not including the thousands of people who attended day sessions or used the centre's extensive water

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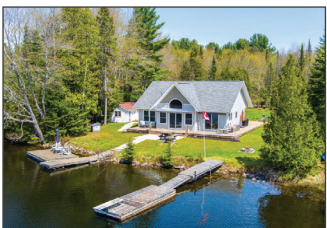
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- Charming Bunkie, Private Yard w/ Gazebo
- Close to Town For Shopping & Amenities



Kelly Kay*
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Big Brother WAO

- Water access classic 4 bedroom cottage
- 2 acres of privacy w/ 225 ft water frontage
- Miles of boating into Hawk Lakes



Darlene Reil*
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Little Glamor Lake \$885,000

- Beautiful 3 Bdrm Royal Home on a Quiet Lake
- Fully Equipped, Just bring food and clothes
- 10 mins to Gooderham or 20 mins to Haliburton



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- I can provide a current market valuation for your property.
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Head Lake \$999,989

- Year round cottage/home
- 5 bedrooms 4 bathrooms
- Gently sloping lot w/168 ft of waterfront
- 5 lake chain w/ approx 30 miles of boating



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

Bethel Road \$549,000

- Incredible 194-acre parcel just mins from Minden
- Long gated driveway to private, cleared site
- Large frontage on picturesque Walker's Pond
- Trails throughout to explore, teaming with wildlife



Lindsay Wilkinson*
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Gorgeous Executive Home!

- 3 Beds / 3 Baths, 2500SqFt, 6.6 Acres
- Stunning Pool w/ Poolside Patio & Hot Tub
- Attached Triple Car Garage, Lg Backyard
- Only 10 Mins To Town of Minden!

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